

from Jefferson county N. Y., and sold to W. Leonard, a hotel-keeper of Ann Arbor, Mich. He wrote several letters for information, but could find out nothing. Parties are all dead. She was a great roadster. She drew two men in a top buggy 100 miles in 12 hours when seven years old.

GEN. McLELLAN, BY NORTH STAR, SON OF BULBURN MORGAN, THE GREAT CALIFORNIA TROTTER BIRE.

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 17, 1885.
MR. JOSEPH BATTLE, Middlebury, Vt.
Dear Sir:—Replying to yours of the 15th, permit me to say that my information in regard to the breeding of Gen. McClellan was derived by direct correspondence in the neighborhood where he was owned and raised, Mr. L. B. James of Pike's Station, Wayne Co., Ohio, being among the number. The letters and papers used in compiling the pedigree for this book have been picked up and stored away, so that it might be the work of several days to find just the ones connected with this horse, but at the time of the compilation I was as clearly and thoroughly satisfied of the correctness of this pedigree as I was of any other pedigree in the book. My own opinion is that it is correct beyond question.

FEARNAUGHT, 2:20—BELAIRE.
(Was this the sire of Kate, dam of Remus, Jr.)
MONTREAL, Dec. 1, 1885.

JOSEPH BATTLE, Esq.
Dear Sir:—I am in receipt of the Middlebury REGISTER of November 20 and in looking over the columns that are devoted to horses, my attention was drawn to a correspondence between myself and Charles Brown of St. Paul, Minnesota, relative to the pedigree of his horse, Fearnought.

Now, sir, the letter which appears in the REGISTER is not quite correct. For instance, I did not visit Chas. Brown's stable in company with Dr. Lemmon, but with Mr. George Sermon, veterinary surgeon of Minneapolis, Minn. I never said Sir Walter was a road horse of great celebrity, Sir Walter was a thoroughbred running horse and he was the sire of the horse Convalence, which was not thoroughbred, although he was a very fine steepler, a great road horse and produced a very large amount of fine horses. He was located at St. Charles, on the river, Richieu. This is the horse from which sprang the horse Belaire and this horse, Belaire, was the sire of the dam of Fearnought.

Yours truly,
GEORGE SWINBURNE,
Veterinary Surgeon,
16 St. Urban street.

BULLOCK HORSE OR NORTH AMERICAN—MORGAN HORSES.

PHILADELPHIA, P. Q., Dec. 11, 1885.
Editor REGISTER:—The North American, called the Bullock Horse, was owned by a man by the name of Bullock. He lived in Clarencville. I will write and get particulars and let you know.

Sir Walter was a thoroughbred, chestnut, 16 hands high and was imported and owned by the Hon. Robert Jones of Bedford. He left fine large stock and all of his colts looked like the sire. He established a family of fine large horses, such as the country now wants.

As for Morgan horses—we had a horse by the name of Billy Root, Jr., sired by old Billy Root, about the time you speak of; also a Morgan horse owned by Robinson of Swanton; chestnut, sired by old Billy Root, afterwards purchased by Dr. Merg of Johnson. Another Morgan, owned by Warner of Swanton; sired by the same horse, called the Warner Morgan; another, owned by Thayer and called after him, sired by the same horse. They left a great many colts in the country, one an entire horse raised by and owned by one Nelson Reynolds. They were a true type of Morgans. I do not see many now. If I know anything that will be of use to you, let me know.

Yours truly,
J. S. BRIGHAM.
FOREST KING (2:27) BY HONEST DAN.
GRANVILLE, N. Y., Dec. 12, 1885.

Editor REGISTER:—I received a letter asking the pedigree of Forest King's dam, and when asked. He was foaled in 1859-June. His dam was by Wadair, a horse owned in Hartford, N. Y.—a Hambletonian horse. I do not know his pedigree. I sold Forest King to George Haines of Melrose, N. Y., who now owns him. I have not heard of his trotting since November, 1884, at Sandy Hill, when he won over two good horses; best time, 2:31, over a slow track. He was not headed in any heat and never left his feet in the race. He sold for 50 cents in 40 pools. I expected to have heard from him last fall, but haven't so far. Geo. Haines can give you what information you want in regard to pedigree.

W. H. HOLLISTER.

COMET, SAID TO BE BY BISHOP'S HAMBLETONIAN.

TISCOMB, Vt., Dec. 11, 1885.
Editor REGISTER:—Your letter to my brother Jas. R. Noble, who has been dead about a dozen years, has been handed to me. Comet, by Bishop's Hambletonian, is recorded in Wallace's Trotting Register. You will find that he was foaled about 60 years ago, perhaps a little longer. I recollect his being kept in my father's stable. I think as much as 54 or 55 years ago. He made three seasons here that I recollect and went north from here. I don't know what became of him. He was raised in Granville, N. Y., and I think was bred by Col. Ray of that place. His dam was a Chantleer mare and I think she was thoroughbred. If you do not wish to take the established record and history of this horse, but wish to hunt it up for yourself, perhaps I. V. Baker of Conestoga, N. Y., or some one in Granville, N. Y., might give you some information regarding him.

Yours truly,
HENRY D. NOBLE.

FANNY JACKSON AND WINSHIP'S DAM.

TICONDROGA, Dec. 7, 1885.
JOSEPH BATTLE, Middlebury, Vt.
Dear Sir:—Your favor of 4th inst. at hand. B. B. Brown bred Fanny Jackson and Geo. R. Sherman, Winship's dam.

I have been thinking for some time of writing you in regard to Fanny Jackson's last foal, which is a beautiful blood bay filly, foaled May 14, 1885, by your horse, Daniel Lambert. This colt is a wonderful built one, by all odds the best colt Fanny Jackson ever dropped; a natural trotter, and oh! such splendid disposition. When any one looks at this colt I say, "there is the cream of all Fanny Jackson ever dropped." They all do not assent and add that in their opinion it is not only Fanny's best colt, but the best Lambert ever sired. I am just delighted with this filly and can assure you it would take a long price to induce me to sell her. "Fanny Jackson" is a great brood mare, and she doesn't look a day over nine years old.

I wish you would promise me that you would make me a visit during the winter. I will show you two grand stallions by Daniel Lambert and Fanny Jackson. I mean Aristos and Lamberts. I will drive them double and single. I know I can surprise you. I do not wish to boast, but as you are the owner of Lambert I do not think it out of place to speak just as I think. Aristos and Lamberts can beat easily 2:20 and are the two greatest stallions to be found. Lamberts I believe is the coming stock horse. If you think I am talking steep, come over and give me a chance to convince you as I have others.

Yours truly,
JOHN W. PORTER.

MYRON PERRY (2:24-1/2) BY YOUNG COLUMBUS.

LETTER FROM HIS BREEDER.
CROWN POINT, N. Y., Dec. 6, 1885.
Editor REGISTER:—Yours received. In regard to Myron Perry's dam I haven't been able to find her pedigree. The dam was 16 years old when Perry was foaled. Folks that knew her say that she was Messenger and Abdallah. The parties that owned her went to Lake Superior. The woman was back some time ago, but she could tell nothing about it.

Yours truly,
HORACE HEUSTIS.

RIPTON (2:20-1/4).

BY AMERICAN BOY, SON OF JOHN GILPIN, BY JACKSON'S FLYING CLOUD, SON OF VERMONT BLACK HAWK—A LETTER FROM HIS BREEDER.
MONROETOWNS, Pa., Dec. 1885.
Editor REGISTER:—The horse Ripton was foaled on the 31st of August; was sired by my horse American Boy. Ripton's dam came to me from New York and was claimed to be by Greyhound, an imported running horse and her dam a Star mare. Mr. A. C. Bentley of Waverly, N. Y., brought the mare to me and told me who bred her; but I have forgotten. The horse Jack Hart I know nothing about. I sold American Boy to C. M. Sanderson, now of Scranton, Pa. He had him at Newark, N. J., and bred him to one or two mares, and told me that one colt paced. By writing him at Scranton, Pa., you may get the desired information. I did know who bred Mary Satterlee, the dam of American Boy, but can't remember. Dave Halstead of Middletown, N. Y., of whom I got the mare, might tell you.

J. F. SATTERLEE.

MAID OF CLAY, AMAZONIA, CHARLES KENT MARE.

Randolph Huntington writes from Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 10:
Maid of Clay I knew from a foal. Her dam was a gray mare of no known breeding and Maid of Clay was her thirteenth and last foal; and was the only one good for anything except common farm work. Old Henry Clay was owned by two friends of mine and stood within two miles of my place when he covered Gray Jenny, the dam of Maid of Clay. This foal was her only one by Henry Clay. John Peck owned Gray Jenny; she was foaled in 1844, and was got by a horse of no known breeding. I know the entire thing, all the men and horses. There was no more Gray's Messenger and Bald-faced Consul about Gray Jenny than there is about this paper.

I have a publication, just out, which may open the eyes of some. Prejudiced men prefer not to see, but intelligent men will get hold of it.

It is entitled "Gen. Grant's Arabian Horses and their Sons," and is dedicated to his memory and love for horses.

The strong hold that liars have in this pedigree business, is in the fact that so many men are dead who did know. For instance, John Peck is dead, Amos Crandall is dead, Captain Skinner is dead and those three men knew all about the dam of Maid of Clay. Still another, a Mr. Whitmore, who owned the horse that got Gray Jenny, is also dead. Then on the other side old Dr. Gregory and old Capt. Dey are dead. The first named, Bald-faced Consul and the other named Dey's Messenger, Consul came into this country to run races and died without covering mares. There never was a more villainous lie about the breeding of any mare than the recorded breeding of Maid of Clay, except in case of Geo. Wilkes' dam.

I have 40 head of close bred (inbred) Clay's. I wonder how they will be recorded some day. I bred close to old Henry and not one is registered.

Truly yours,
R. HUNTINGTON.

P. S. I can't tell when I have written so long a letter, but your letter has stirred me up. If you want to begin at frigid, begin with the dam of old Abdallah. When I was a young man, she was a Consanguine mare from Pennsylvania. Of late years, when lies could answer better, she was a Messenger mare. Again, when Charlie Kent bought the dam of Rydyk's bull, she was in a drove of horses tied two and two to a long cable rope (for that was the way they used to come into New York city). At that time she was from northern New York and sent paid \$75 for her for his meat cart. The stud books say she was by Bellfounder, but how, pray tell me, did that old blind horse get out into western New York to cover the mare that produced her. Bellfounder stood down on Long Island and died there. Lies are cheap in horses. Ten are told to-day where one was told 30 and 40 years ago. That there will be an end to this lying I believe.

Truly yours,
RANDOLPH HUNTINGTON.

Sheep Interest.

SALES OF SHEEP

RECORDED IN THE REGISTER OF THE VERMONT MERINO SHEEP-BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION.

A. E. Fuller, Woodstock, Vt., to Chas. H. Whitman, Quechee, Vt., 1 ram; to E. Perry, North Charleston, N. H., 1 ram; to E. Dana, North Pomfret, Vt., 1 ram; to E. Barber, Pomfret, Vt., 1 ram; to Elmer Emery, Pomfret, Vt., 1 ram; to A. J. Mills, Pomfret, Vt., 3 ewes; 2 from his own flock and 1 from A. E. Perkins' flock; to E. Perry, North Charleston, Vt., 5 ewes and 1 ram.

J. A. Miller, Lebanon, N. H., to C. M. Jackson, Bath, N. H., 1 ram and 1 ewe; to E. H. Blaisdell, Lebanon, N. H., 1 ram; to F. Smith, N. H., 1 ram from the flock of A. E. Fuller.

J. H. Hazen, West Hartford, Vt., to G. R. Brown, Maine, 1 ram; to H. H. Hazen, Hartford, Vt., 1 ram; to D. D. Hazen, Hartford, Vt., 3 rams; to C. S. Porter, Claremont, N. H., 1 ram; to C. L. Harris, Vermont, 1 ram; to C. Chadwick, Vermont, 1 ram.

J. A. Bell, Ashley, O., to T. Ingraham, Tex., 2 rams.

C. C. Forbes, Shoreham, Vt., to Wm. Moore, Shoreham, Vt., 6 ewes, 2 from his own flock, 3 from flock of O. G. Martin and 1 from flock of V. N. Forbes.

C. M. Clark, Whitewater, Wis., to Wm. Smiley, Wisconsin, 34 ewes.

W. E. Eyleschimer, Tomhannock, N. Y., to M. Wiley, Valley Falls, N. Y., 1 ram; to C. Cottrell, Johnsonville, N. Y., 1 ram; to J. M. Brandt, Ohio, 1 ram; to W. H. Crawford, New York, 1 ram.

James Forbes, Shoreham, Vt., to J. Q. Caswell, Shoreham, Vt., 4 ewes, 3 from his own flock and 1 from flock of R. Withersell & Son.

C. C. Forbes, Shoreham, Vt., to James Forbes, Shoreham, Vt., 1 ewe from flock of V. N. Forbes.

Geo. Campbell Sons, Westminster West, Vt., to C. S. White, Gratton, Vt., 1 ram; to Wm. J. Webb, Belows Falls, Vt., 1 ram; to C. S. White, Gratton, Vt., 1 ram; to G. L. Cutter, Springfield, Vt., 1 ram.

B. E. Sanford, Cornwall, Vt., to J. P. Douglas, Middlebury, Vt., 1 ram; to J. A. Johnston, Cornwall, Vt., 1 ram.

James Forbes, Shoreham, Vt., to C. Kelsey, Ohio, 2 rams, 1 from his own flock and 1 from the flock of D. C. Smith; to V. N. Forbes, Vt., 1 ram; to H. H. Sheldon, Westport, N. Y., 1 ram from flock of H. J. Adams.

James Forbes, Shoreham, Vt., to Wm. Moore & Son, Shoreham, Vt., 3 ewes, 1 from his own flock, 1 from flock of E. A. Birehard and 1 from flock of H. J. Adams.

H. C. Fish, Ira, Vt., to M. W. McClure, Rutland, Vt., 1 ram.

E. Sanford, West Cornwall, Vt., to J. A. Johnson, Ohio, 10 ewes.

E. S. Hammond, Reading, Vt., to S. Putnam, New Hampshire, 13 sheep, 9 from his own flock, 3 from flock of F. D. Douglas, and 1 from flock of L. Treadway.

E. S. Hammond, Reading, Vt., to P. R. Grimes, Springfield, Vt., 1 ram; to B. T. Weed, Bridgewater, Vt., 1 ram.

D. F. Doty, Bridport, Vt., to G. F. Lollow, 10 ewes; to G. F. Sollace, Vt., 3 rams; to G. D. Miner, Middlebury, Vt., 7 rams; to C. W. Mason, Vermont, 10 rams; to W. M. Grandey, 2 rams.

John K. Brant, Steuben, Ohio, to J. Z. Woodworth, Ohio, 4 ewes from flock of W. Robinson, and 2 rams from his flock; to Robert Gibbons, Ohio, 1 ram; to L. Koutz, Ohio, 1 ram.

John K. Brant, Steuben, O., to Henry Walcott, Ohio, 1 ram.

F. D. Outland, Ohio, to D. Humphrey Barges, Ohio, 5 ewes, 4 from his own flock and 1 from flock of E. R. Outland.

A. M. Richards, Middlebury, Vt., to Cherish & Williamson, Vermont, 10 rams.

Cook & Morse, Raymonds, O., to H. M. Goodspeed, Indiana, 1 ram.

Geo. R. Brown, Ripton, Vt., to Chas. Chapman, Vermont, 11 rams, 8 from flock of J. James and 3 from flock of M. Sheldon.

P. N. Cobb, Cornwall, Vt., to E. D. Searl, Cornwall, Vt., 4 rams.

O. S. Gibbs, Bridport, Vt., to J. B. Cherbino, Weybridge, Vt., 5 rams.

A. E. Fuller, Vermont, to F. Patterson, Knox Station, Me., 1 ram.

L. M. Kelsey, Ionia, Mich., to E. P. Kelsey, Ionia, Mich., 1 ram.

Copper & McFarland, Ohio, to D. Ban, Amanda, O., 1 ram.

Mrs. L. P. Clark, Addison, Vt., to C. W. Mason, New Haven, Vt., 1 ram.

Caton Hill, Johnston, O., to H. DeWolf, Ohio, 4 rams.

H. E. Longwell, Statontown, O., to C. E. Longwell, Ohio, 8 ewes; 5 from flock of C. E. Longwell, 1 from flock of C. F. Longwell, 2 from flock of F. D. & J. Q. Smith.

J. H. Hood, Grass Lake, Mich., to P. N. Cook, Corvallis, Mich., 35 ewes, 26 from his own flock, 2 from flock of C. M. Fellows, 2 from flock of H. F. Hall, 1 from flock of S. James, 3 from flock of J. B. Hamblin, 1 from flock of L. S. Burns and 15 rams from his own flock.

Wm. P. Abbott & Son, West Hoosick, N. Y., to George Gardner, New York, 1 ram from the flock of D. W. Taylor.

E. R. Outland, Janesville, Ohio, to D. Humphrey, Ohio, 10 ewes and 2 rams; 1 from his own flock and 1 from flock of John Outland.

A. A. Farnsworth, Brooksville, Vt., to J. J. Pettibone, Vermont, 1 ram.

J. G. Putnam, Neosho, Montana, to J. A. Woodson, Montana, 13 rams.

J. H. Sprague & Son, Middlebury, Vt., to C. A. Chapman, Middlebury, Vt., 5 rams.

A. S. Harding, Pomfret, Vt., to W. B. Kingston, Vermont, 3 ewes.

V. Rich, Richville, Vt., to E. Robinson, Ferrisburgh, 1 ram; to M. H. Brownell, New York, 1 ram; to T. J. Conklin, Dundee, N. Y., 1 ram.

D. B. Galusha, Williamstown, Mass., to A. A. Jordan, Massachusetts, 3 ewes; to Chas. Kenyon, New York, 4 rams.

Spear & Richards, Middlebury, Vt., to Hansard & Shanks, Montana, 18 rams, 4 from flock of S. C. Purkitt, 9 from flock of B. Bearor, 1 from flock of R. E. Delano, 1 from flock of O. P. Lee, 1 from flock of H. W. Walker, 2 from flock of J. A. & V. L. Spear.

E. L. Campbell, Conestoga, N. Y., to G. Campbell's sons, Vermont, 18 rams.

L. M. Kelsey, Ionia, Mich., to W. P. Burr, Michigan, 6 sheep; to Wm. Allen, Michigan, 10 sheep; to Daniel Martin, Michigan, 4 sheep; to Charles Crowell, Michigan, 1 ram; to Joel Benedict, Michigan, 1 ram; to W. S. Bates, Michigan, 4 sheep; to Welch & Smith, Michigan, 5 sheep; to A. F. Kelsey, Michigan, 1 ram; to E. P. Kelsey, Michigan, 3 sheep; to A. R. Wilcox, Michigan, 2 sheep.

Ed Roberts, Centerburg, Ohio, to W. Raney, Ohio, 1 ram; to A. Raney, Ohio, 1 ram.

L. M. Kelsey, Ionia, Mich., to M. Ralcom, Michigan, 1 ram; to A. W. Buckalew, Pennsylvania, 3 rams; to Wilcox Danbury, Michigan, 2 sheep; to George L. Taft, Michigan, 1 ram; to Wm. Vanleiman, Michigan, 1 ram; to G. P. Barber, Portland, Mich., 2 rams; to Bunker Brothers, Michigan, 1 ram; to H. Sprague, Michigan, 1 ram; to J. W. Whitman, Michigan, 1 ram; to A. Matthews, Michigan, 1 ram; to J. W. Loomis, Michigan, 1 ram.

D. F. Doty, Bridport, Vt., to C. W. Mason, Vt., 10 rams; to A. M. Grandy, Vt., 2 rams.

J. S. Wood, Saline, Mich., to J. H. Burr, Ill., 1 ram; to P. D. H. Willis, Mich., 8 ewes.

John Bartholomew & Son, Mich., to B. M. Pickens, Osseo, Mich., 1 ram from flock of F. C. Wood; to Wm. Decker, Frontier, Mich., 1 ram from flock of F. C. Wood; to H. B. Worley, Ohio, 1 ram from flock of F. C. Wood; to John Roals, Whites, Mich., 1 ram; to A. M. Sawyer, Mich., 1 ram.

John Bartholomew & Son, Mich., to John Stafford, Frontier, Mich., 1 ram.

D. Croft, Arlington, Vt., to C. D. & C. Kenyon, N. Y., 3 rams.

S. J. Fisher, North Greenfield, Ohio, to W. J. Emmons, Kenton, O., 3 ewes and 1 ram.

E. G. Taggart, Lewis Center, O., to John Dustin, Granville, O., 2 rams.

A. K. Warner, Olivett, Mich., to D. S. Miller, 2 rams; to J. L. Kenyon, Ohio.

Chas. Deeds, Olivett, Ohio, to J. B. Jones, Kokersville, O., 1 ram; to A. Buchanan, Ohio, 1 ram.

D. F. Holden, Florence, Vt., to Peck & Lacy, Montana, 8 rams, 7 from his own flock and 1 from flock of T. D. Hall; to E. R. Hendee, Vermont, 1 ram.

Wm. C. Bement, Woodstock, Vt., to S. Putnam, Cornish, N. H., 19 ewes and 2 rams; to John Atsworth, Reading, Vt., 1 ram.

Sherwood Blamer, Johnston, O., to Homer DeWolf, Ohio, 2 rams; to James Hawkins, Lock, O., 1 ram; to J. Roadback, Ohio, 1 ewe from flock of J. A. Watts.

J. A. Bartholomew & Son, Michigan, to Earl Berry, Reading, Mich., 1 ram from flock of F. C. Wood; to Albert Walls, Camden, Mich., 1 ram from flock of F. C. Wood; to S. Maxwell, Fremont, Indiana, 1 ram from flock of F. C. Wood; to Charles Cook, Camden, Mich., 1 ram; to A. A. Baxter, Michigan, 1 ram from flock of J. W. Day.

W. H. Mann, Kirby, Ohio, to Mrs. Helen Ogg, Ohio, 1 ram.

J. H. Hollenbeck, Hoosick, N. Y., to H. A. Starbuck, New York, 37 rams; to J. M. Brandt, 1 ram.

J. C. Humphrey, Melrose, N. Y., to H. Snyder, New York, 1 ram; to Daniel Douglas, New York, 3 ewes; to B. Baker, New York, 16 sheep.

V. V. Lake, Appleton, Ohio, to W. T. Carson, Ohio, 6 ewes, 3 from his own flock, 1 from flock of D. H. Peters, 1 from flock of Wyant & Higbee, 1 from flock of C. D. Lane and 1 ram from his own flock; to F. D. French, Ohio, 10 ewes from his own flock and 7 rams from flock of D. H. Peters; to J. Lemley, Ohio, 2 rams; to J. P. Debow, Ohio, 1 ram. V. V. Lake, Appleton,

Ohio, to Z. Powelson, Ohio, 1 ram; to L. Phalen, Ohio, 1 ram; to R. Green, Johnston, Ohio, 1 ram; to H. J. Littell, Granville, Ohio, 2 rams; to Joseph Gosnell, Ohio, 1 ram; to How & Jones, Ohio, 2 rams; to Wells & Chas. Ohio, 1 ram.

J. S. Benedict, Castleton, Vt., to Amos Gates, Minnesota, 1 ram; to C. L. Barber, Castleton, Vt., 1 ram; to W. W. Wilkins, Minnesota, 1 ram.

Geo. Curry's est., Croton, Ohio, to Robert Johnson, Ohio, 4 sheep.

L. C. Nelson, Olivett, Mich., to A. H. Harrington, Minnesota, 1 ram from flock of H. S. Cross; to F. A. Fisher, Mich., 1 ram; to Bert C. Sherwood, Michigan, 1 ram from flock of A. Ketchum & Son.

Joseph W. Hovel, Tiffin, Ohio; to S. W. Thomas, Ohio, 7 rams and 8 ewes.

J. H. Graham, Napoleon, Mich., to A. C. Lester, Michigan, 6 sheep, 2 from his own flock and 3 from flock of G. H. Vaughn and 1 from flock of J. A. James.

J. S. & J. E. Montague, Woodstock, Vt., to Henry Perkins, Vermont, 9 sheep.

B. V. Russell, Potter, N. Y., to J. W. Williams, New York, 17 ewes and 9 rams; to W. Riddott, New York, 1 ram; to A. Foster, Rushville, N. Y., 1 ram; to M. Thalen, Potter, N. Y., 1 ram; to John Caney, New York, 2 rams; to C. Foster, Middlesex, N. Y., 1 ram; to T. Stetter, New York, 1 ram; to R. Henderson, N. Y., 1 ram.

I. Speare, Florence, Ohio, to E. J. Burr, Wakeman, O., 2 rams; to S. M. Bristol, Wakeman, O., 1 ram; to C. Hill, Berlin Heights, O., 1 ram.

THE TARIFF QUESTION.

A correspondent of the Michigan Farmer can not agree with the opinions set forth by President Rich of the sheep-breeders' association of that State in his address at the annual meeting, and says:

"This address contains much valuable information, including statistics of the production and of the importation of wool and woolen goods for the past five years. He seems disposed in his comments to take a hopeful view of the prospects of the wool industry, but I am afraid some of his conclusions are not well grounded. For instance, he says: 'In some instances the reduction in duty has led to increased importations, but as the aggregate value of wools imported has not increased, and the percentage of duty remains the same, it would seem that importation of manufactured goods has not been the cause of the low price of wools.' He further states that although for the first year of the reduced tariff the importations were greatly increased, for the second year of the reduced tariff the amount imported was substantially the same as before the agitation of a reduction of duty on wool in Congress," and that "in the aggregate the reduction of the tariff on manufactured wool has had no visible effect." Also, that "judging from information obtained, the damage to wool growers by the reduction of import duties made by the act of March, 1883, was only temporary, as the duty is still high enough to keep out the bulk of foreign wools which compete with the better class of wool grown in this country."

Now I do not object to Mr. Rich's statistics, but do most decidedly object to the conclusions he draws from them. The amount imported is certainly no measure of the damage to wool-growers by the reduced tariff. The fact is that in competition with foreign wools and woolen goods the prices of our own wools have had to come down. Wool buyers and manufacturers of course would only take the home product when they could buy it as cheap or a little cheaper than they could get the foreign article. Of course any import duties are enough to keep out the bulk of foreign wools if prices at home come down below what the foreign wools can be got for. The increase of damage to wool-growers is not so much in the amount of foreign wools imported as in the reduced prices at which our own product has to be sold. It is a fact too notorious to need a reference to figures that wools have been much lower since the reduced tariff came into operation, even wools of the better class."

"OLD" BUCKLAND.

[From Cassell's Family Magazine.]

Frank's father was Canon Buckland, professor of geology at Oxford, and afterward dean of Westminster. The home at Christ Church was the place to become acquainted with unwonted visitors. Stuffed beasts shared the hall with the rocking-horse. There were cages of snakes and green frogs in the dining-room; and sometimes callers, who did not quite understand the peculiarities of the Maison Buckland, would run screaming to the door as an escaped adder would be found leisurely crawling down the stairs. At table talk was of natural history—of the Reliquie Deluviane and the "Bridgewater Treatise." The sideboard groaned with its load of fossils, and the candles were stuck into the vertebrae of the Ichthyosaurus in lieu of sconces. Guinea-pigs were often scampering over the table; and occasionally the pony, having trotted down the steps from the garden, would push open the dining-room door and career around the table with three laughing children on his back, and then, marching through the front door and down the steps, would continue his course round Tom Quad.

In the stable-yard and wood-houses were a fox, rabbits, guinea-pigs and ferrets, hawks and owls, magpies, jackdaws, besides dogs, cats and poultry; and in the garden was the tortoise and toads immured in various pots, to test the truth of their supposed life in rock-cells.

Strange meats appeared at the Buckland table. A horse belonging to his brother-in-law having been shot, Dr. Buckland had the tongue pickled and served up at a large luncheon party, greatly to the satisfaction of the guests, until they were told what they had eaten. Alligator was a rarer delicacy, but puppies were enjoyed and nice freely

discussed as a useful addition to "the food of the people." Oxford got accustomed to this kind of thing just as it got hardened to the unconventionality of the canon packing his family in a wonderful roomy carriage and spending the day at Bagley wood hunting for moles or birds' nests. But at the deanery in Westminster it required time to educate the more inelastic Londoners into a taste for the hedgehogs, tortoise, potted ostrich, rats, frogs and snails which were served up for their delectation. "Party at the deanery," one guest notes; "tripe for dinner; don't like crocodile for breakfast!"

At Winchester, "Old Buckland"—when a boy is called "Old" by his comrades, it is a sure sign of his being liked—was what he could not help being. He was not a distinguished scholar, though he fagged bravely, and as "rod-milker" attained a precarious eminence. But as a naturalist he excelled all his companions. Ferrets tenanted his desk, live snakes were at home in his drawers, the head of his bed was festooned with bones, dead cats half dissected scented the dormitory which he shared; and his maceration pots at Amen Corner, with heads of hares, rabbits and cats, in course of reduction to skulls, were things to be avoided.

SHOULD INDIVIDUAL WEALTH BE LIMITED BY LAW.

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Limitation of personal wealth in degree is as reasonable as limitation in kind. Where possession in kind is dangerous, the law puts limits. Why should it not put limits where possession in degree is dangerous? I cannot keep dynamite in my house, I cannot sell gunpowder, I cannot keep pigs in my yard, I cannot own cholera or small pox rags, I cannot own a rickety house. In all these cases the law will punish me, and take away my property. And justly, because I am an injury to the community in holding it. Now, if my holding an estate that is dangerous, from its vastness, is forbidden by law, where is the injustice? all that must be proved is its danger. Laws should be made cautiously and no mere jealousy should find place in them.